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DEPUTIES' MEETING

Tuesday, 6 April 1954

PRESENT: Mr. Dulles, General Cabell, Messrs. Wisner, Amory, Colonel White, Messrs. Kirkpatrick, Helms, Sheldon, Bissell and [REDACTED]

Mr. Dulles:

a. Noted a report on ChiCom indoctrination of American POW's, and stated this was an excellent piece of work and he desired to personally compliment the authors. [REDACTED] undertook to arrange this. The Director also asked Mr. Bissell to study this report with a view to determining if there are any lessons to be learned.

b. Referred to a proposed letter to Congressman Taber respecting CIA personnel strength at home and abroad and gave instructions to Colonel White regarding the revision of its enclosure. In connection with this enclosure, the Director noted the strength of [REDACTED] and stated it should be reduced by at least 25% within the next year.

General Cabell:

a. Briefly reported on action taken by [REDACTED] in connection with the situation [REDACTED] General Cabell said this action had been coordinated with the Secretary of State, who had approved.

b. Received the Director's approval that Area Division Chiefs attend AD Meetings in the future.

c. Reported that Admiral Radford had called respecting NIE 100-3-54 and stated Radford had expressed surprise at the opinions contained therein and did not feel the paper supported current U.S. policy.

d. Reported he had called Congressman Dewey Short as directed by DCI and that Short had been "completely non-committal". The Director asked [REDACTED] to remind him to call Mr. Short after the NSC Meeting today.

e. Reported that AVIATION WEEKLY had turned us down on revealing their source of the pictures of the two Soviet aircraft appearing in a recent issue. General Cabell said that as a result of this he had raised the problem at an IAC Meeting and it had been agreed to pool our resources, here and in [REDACTED] together with those of the other intelligence agencies, in order that a concentrated effort will be made to determine the source of the information in question.

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General Cabell (Continued):

f. Noted a cable [redacted] concerning the Japanese vessel which was "showered with atomic particles" and stated this cable was the result of a query on our part in connection with a discussion held on this subject at the last OCB Meeting. Mr. Wisner recommended that the information contained therein be made available to Admiral Strauss and the OCB. The Director approved.

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plans [redacted] Conference. Mr. Bissell undertook to discuss this with Mr. Helms.

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Colonel White:

Briefed the Director on the current status of the transfer of funds from CIA to the FBI for a particular purpose. The Director said that at the time he discussed the CIA personnel situation with Congressman Taber he would also raise this matter since he wanted Congressional approval before the transfer of these funds is finally made.

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Mr. Bissell:

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Mr. Amory:

a. Stated he had concurred in a Department of the Army cable to its Attaches which authorized them to visit Soviet Military Schools if invited. Mr. Amory noted it was not intended that any such visits would be reciprocated on the part of the U.S.

b. Reported that the question had been raised as to whether [redacted] was on loan to OCB or was now, in fact, a full-time employee of that Board. It was the consensus that the latter was true; however, the Director asked Colonel White to look into this matter.

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Mr. Sheldon:

Noted that recently Ambassador Lodge had attempted to get in touch with the Director through the Watch Officer and seemed

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Mr. Sheldon (Continued):

most reluctant to take his word that the DCI was out of the city. Mr. Sheldon suggested that when senior officials of the Agency intend to be away they so notify the Watch Officer in writing in order that he might have something authentic from which to quote.



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